

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 157012

67

ORIGIN SS-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /011 R

66612

DRAFTED BY:S/S-O:KBROWN

APPROVED BY:S/S-O:PPSARROS

S/S:JMEALUM

----- 053558

O 192042Z JUL 74 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 157012

EXDIS, TOSEC 37

WHITE HOUSE PLEASE PASS TO SAN CLEMENTE FOR EAGLEBURGER
FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER

FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 2491 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO ATHENS,
ANKARA, LONDON, MOSCOW, NICOSIA & PARIS DATED 19 JULY 1974:

QTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 2491

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CY, UK, SU, UN

SUBJECT: CYPRUS COUP

1. PRESSURE IS BUILDING UP FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL VOTE
WITHIN THE NEXT 48 HOURS, DEMANDING GREEK WITHDRAWAL OF
MILITARY OFFICERS FROM THE CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD.

2. IN DISCUSSIONS TODAY, ACTING SOV PERMREP SAFRONCHUK
SOUGHT USG APPROVAL OF MOVE TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION TO THIS
EFFECT IN ADVANCE OF MAKARIOS APPEARANCE IN SECURITY
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 157012

COUNCIL THIS AFTERNOON. I TOLD HIM SUCH A MOVE WOULD

NOT BE HELPFUL AND WOULD MAKE MORE DIFFICULT AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARTIES OUTSIDE SECURITY COUNCIL CHAMBER. HE CONTINUED TO INSIST, AND I BROKE OFF DISCUSSION.

3. LATER, UK'S REP RICHARD URGED WE CONSIDER VOTING YES FOR SAME KIND OF RESOLUTION, ARGUING A QUICK VOTE WOULD PUT PRESSURE ON GREEK GOVERNMENT TO AGREE TO WITHDRAW OFFICERS FROM NATIONAL GUARD. I ARGUED THAT SUCH RESOLUTION COULD HAVE OPPOSITE EFFECT, MAKING IT LESS LIKELY GREEK MILITARY REGIME WOULD RESPOND FAVORABLY TO UK/US EFFORTS TO REACH FRIENDLY AGREEMENT OUTSIDE SECURITY COUNCIL SETTING. WE MADE POINT THAT ADOPTION SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION WITHOUT AMERICAN SUPPORT WOULD BE EXPLOITED BY GREEK GOVERNMENT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS, MAKING IT LIKELY IT WOULD HARDEN POSITION.

4. RICHARD, WHILE SAYING HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS NONETHELESS WARNED USG WOULD BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED IF IT OPPOSED SUCH A RESOLUTION FOR GREEK WITHDRAWAL. AT SAME TIME, HE SAID IT WOULD BE BAD IF US AND UK SPLIT OPENLY ON CYPRUS ISSUE. I AGREED AND SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT WE MOVE WITHOUT UNDUE HASTE TO GIVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY IN LONDON-ATHENS-ANKARA. RICHARD WOUND UP BY SAYING HE EXPECTED WE COULD GAIN 24-HOUR DELAY IN SECURITY COUNCIL BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT WE COULD HOLD OFF 48 HOURS. HE BELIEVED 24 HOURS, I.E. SATURDAY, DELAY WAS BEST WE COULD GET UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS TIME FRAME IN LINE WITH FRENCH VIEWS AS WELL. COMMENT: UNLESS MAKARIOS' APPEAL FLOPS, I SUSPECT RICHARD IS RIGHT IN HIS ESTIMATE ABOUT AMOUNT OF TIME AVAILABLE PRIOR TO SOME KIND OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION.

5. ONE OF RICHARD'S AIDES (THOMAS) ARGUED REPEATEDLY THAT LONDON BELIEF, REFLECTED IN INSTRUCTIONS, WAS THAT STERN ANTI-GREEK MOVE BY ACTION BY SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE DECISIVE IN FORCING THE GREEKS TO BACK DOWN. RICHARD FOR HIS PART EXPRESSED VIEW SUCH MOVE WOULD BE HELPFUL RATHER THAN DECISIVE. SCALI UNQTE INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NATIONAL GUARD, GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, TOSEC 37, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, UNSC RESOLUTIONS, MUTUAL FORCE WITHDRAWALS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: elyme
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE157012
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O:KBROWN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740195-0491
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740733/aaaabbzn.tel
Line Count: 98
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: elyme
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 APR 2002 by shawdg>; APPROVED <26-Sep-2002 by elyme>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CYPRUS COUP
TAGS: PFOR, CY, UK, SU, GR, UN
To: WHITE HOUSE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005